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Inventor(s) Naoya Hasegawa			
Title of Invention SPIN-VALVE THIN-FILM ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME			

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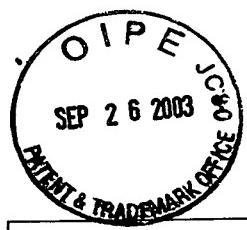
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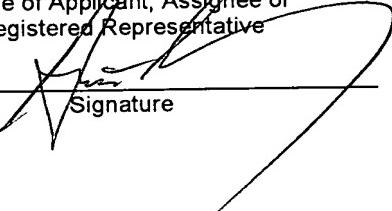
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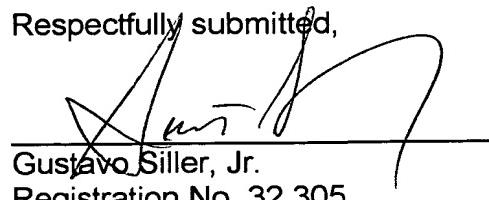
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A6 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,


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